

Year 4 History

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So far this term, we've looked into the impact electricity has had on the world and how it has helped people.

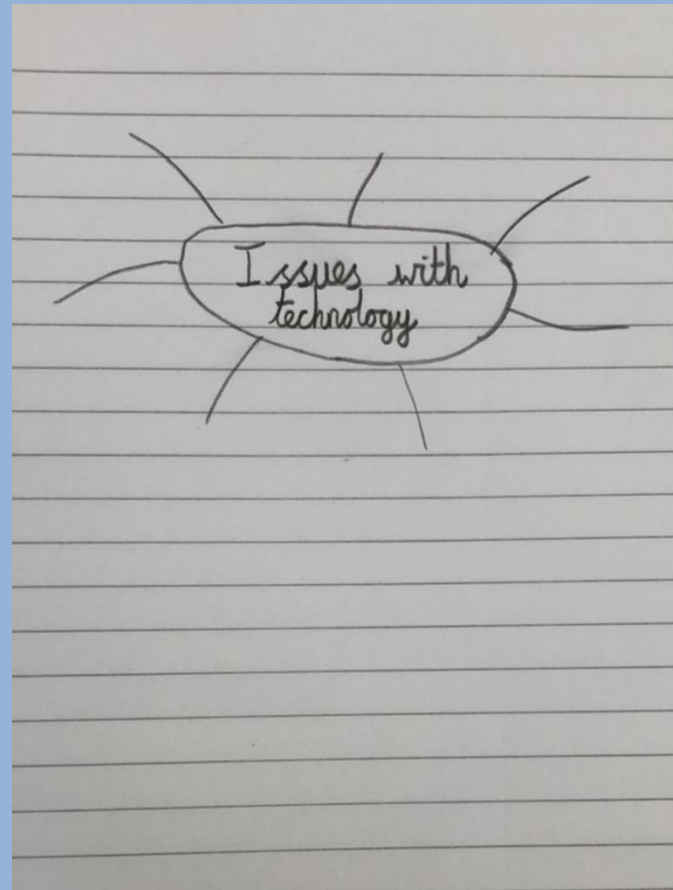
Today, we are going to look into the future and think about the possible dangers of technology moving forwards.

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Copy the following mind map into your books, and list problems you think technology might cause in the future



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Here is a list that the year 4 teachers have thought of. Did you write any of these?

Why do you think these may become issues?

- Less jobs for people
- Social media
- Over reliance on technology
- Global warming
- More dangerous weapons
- People's health

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Less jobs for people

With technology improving all the time, we're finding ways for machines to do jobs for us. This means that there is the possibility that there will be less jobs for people in the future, as machines can do the job and don't need to be paid money!

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Social Media

In the past, if you wanted to speak to your friends, you had to go and visit them! Today, many people are on social media and many people have said that this will affect our abilities to communicate properly in person as we're more used to typing on our phones and computers.

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Over reliance

The more we use technology, the more we rely on it. However, this means that if something goes wrong, suddenly we could be in trouble. What if your phone runs out of battery and your lost? What if your sat-nav takes you the wrong way?

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Global Warming

Since the advancements in technology have really taken off, the environment has suffered. The world is warmer than it has ever been in the past, sea levels are rising as the ice caps are melting. However, could we use technology to help save the environment?

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Dangerous weapons

We've learnt that during the time of the Vikings, the most dangerous weapons were swords and shields. However, technology has allowed people to invent more life-threatening weapons such as bombs and guns. With technology always improving, it's always possible some people will use it with bad intentions.

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People's health

We all love listening to music and watching TV, however with more options like this available people are doing less exercise than in the past. Also, looking at screens all day can do damage to people's eyes and listening to music through headphones loudly could damage your eardrums.

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Balanced argument

Your task today is to write a balanced argument discussing the pros and cons of electricity and technology moving forwards.

Paragraph 1- Introduction to debate

Paragraph 2- Pros of technology moving forwards

Paragraph 3- Cons of technology in the future

Paragraph 4- Sum up the argument

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Structure

- Usually starts with a question
- Opening statement introducing the issue
- Arguments for/against
- Conclusion

Language Features

- Present tense
- Conjunctions
- Third person
- Impersonal voice
- Formal tone
- Technical vocabulary



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Useful phrases

Some people believe...

On the other hand...

However, ...

Also, ...

In conclusion, ...

To sum up, ...

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Introduction starter

Technology has had a massively positive impact on our world and has changed the world as we know it. However, many people feel that there are dangers posed by technology improving the way it is. Today, I will be ...